

An Introduction to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange is a *secure, interoperable network* in which participating providers with certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) can *share* needed patient health information and other providers *access*, at the point of care.

The Health Information Exchange (HIE) provides a *common, secure electronic information infrastructure* that meets national standards to ensure interoperability across various health systems—while affording healthcare providers the functionality to support and improve coordination of care.

As KHIE continues to build its robust HIE, it also fulfills several Meaningful Use (MU) objectives found in the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Final Rule. KHIE serves as the intermediary for public health reporting in the state of Kentucky and works with providers and hospitals to report the following data:

- ⇒ Immunizations
- ⇒ Syndromic Surveillance
- ⇒ Electronic Reportable Laboratory Results
- ⇒ Cancer Case Information

In addition to public health reporting, KHIE continues to enhance its value-added service lines to support and facilitate the fulfillment of other MU requirements, such as **Health Information Exchange**. Ultimately, KHIE strives to improve care coordination and overall health outcomes while facilitating the adoption, integration, and the meaningful use of CEHRT. KHIE's value is realized through the sharing of its data with the providers who can utilize the information to improve the health of Kentucky's citizens.

To begin participating with KHIE, please contact your regional Outreach Coordinator by visiting our website at <http://khie.ky.gov> and learn how to make the KHIE Connection.